

Food Trucks & Food Carts

Food vendors and space for outdoor eating have long been recognized among the defining elements for required plaza space in Ashland's design standards. Food vendors serve to enliven and activate under-utilized spaces, and provide affordable outdoor dining options in many communities.

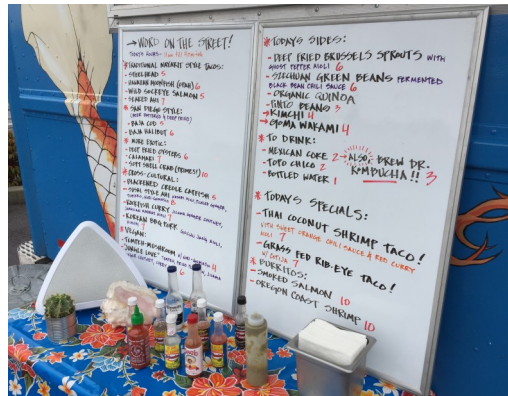
The purpose of these requirements is to establish criteria for permitting Food Trucks & Food Carts within the designated zones in the city of Ashland, per Ashland Municipal Code Chapter 18.3.

This guide provides an overview of the allowed uses and process for obtaining a permit for Food Trucks & Food Carts vendors.



Food Truck & Food Cart Signage

Signage must be attached to the food truck or food cart itself and in addition, one portable (A-frame) sign may be placed outside of the right-of-way while the food vendor is in operation.



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Land Use Ordinance 3216
Ashland Municipal Code 18.2.3.145



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OPTIONS FOR FOOD TRUCKS & CARTS

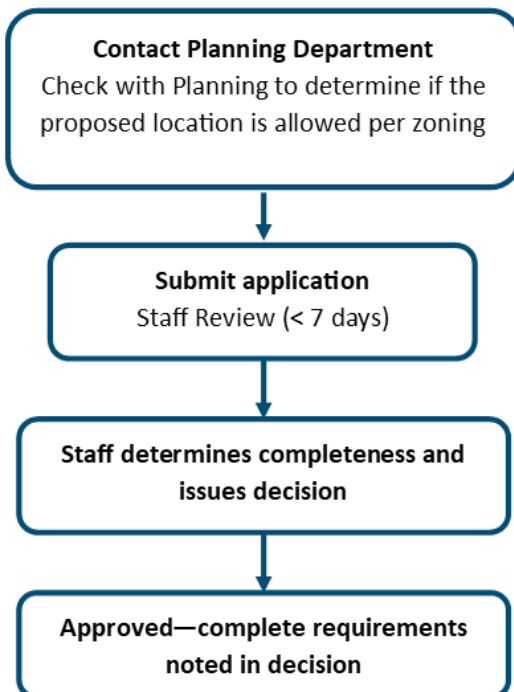
Commercial Parking Lots

- Department staff review (Ministerial Review)
- Allows for 1 to 3 vendors on single permit
- Permit valid for 5 consecutive days
- Obtain *ministerial* food truck permit

Short Term Temporary Events

- Approved through *ministerial* review
- Occurs not more than once per month and not lasting more than 72 hours
- Not permitted in residential areas
- Obtain *ministerial permit* and *Special Event Permit*

Permitting Process for permits subject to staff ministerial review:



OTHER FOOD VENDOR USES

- Permitted with *Special Use Standards* in the City's Commercial, Employment and Industrial zones
- Not allowed within Residential zoning districts
- See [Table 18.2.2.030](#) [Allowed Uses] for more information.

Accessory to Existing Use

When food trucks are part of an event that is accessory to an existing, approved use they may occur without a separate permit.

Private Property

Site Design Review (Type I) approval is required when the applicant proposes food truck courts or pods on private property that is outside of existing parking areas or approved Plaza space.

Downtown District

Conditional Use Permit (Type II) approval is required in the Downtown District and are subject to review by the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee.

APPLICATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED

- City of Ashland food vendor application
- City of Ashland business license
- Obtain required inspections from City of Ashland Building Department, City of Ashland Fire Department (541-482-2770), and Jackson County Environmental Public Health Department (541-774-8200)
- Review food & beverage tax requirements. Payments due quarterly (AMC 4.24)

Permit Fees

Special Event Food Truck/Cart = \$35.25
Food Truck/Cart Permit = \$420.50

SITE USE AND DESIGN STANDARDS

- Food vendors not to remain in place for more than 5 consecutive days
- Up to 3 food vendors allowed on one property under ministerial permit
- 4+ trucks (a "court" or "pod") on a single property or operation of food vendors on private property outside of existing parking areas or plaza space will require *Site Design Review* under Type I permit
- Food vendors are not permitted within public parking lots, streets, or parks
- In specific approved zones, food vendors may operate within existing private parking lots where there are at least 5 off street parking spaces and no more than 20% of the parking is used by vendors
- Food carts no more than 4' wide by 9' long by 4' high
- Food trucks no more than 170 sq ft

GENERAL FOOD TRUCK REGULATIONS

- Wastewater to be disposed of in approved location
- Connections to temporary power permitted
- Trash and recycling containers shall be provided within 10' of a food truck or cart during operations
- Trash and recycling containers shall be removed from the premises when not in operation
- Vendors are subject to the prohibition on the use of polystyrene foam food packaging (AMC 9.20)